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1. REGARDING CONTACT BETWEEN KUWAIT EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND KUWAIT MOD ON THE ACCEPTABILITY TO MOD OF KUWAIT EMBASSY RECEIVING PATROL BOAT BIDS BEFORE JULY 31 AND POUCHING THEM TO MOD THEREAFTER, THE ASSISTANT TO GOK UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE INFORMS US THAT KUWAIT MINISTER OF DEFENSE RECEIVED CABLE FROM KUWAIT EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT MORNING OF JULY 22. CABLE REPORTEDLY PROPOSES RECEIPT OF BIDS BY KUWAIT EMBASSY AND THEIR DISPATCH BY POUCH FROM WASHINGTON JULY 30. THIS CABLE "HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MINISTER FOR DECISION", BUT NO DECISION WAS MADE BEFORE MINISTRY CLOSED ON JULY 22.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT DEFENSE MINISTER WILL REJECT KUWAIT EMBASSY SUGGESTION, BUT BECAUSE OF EXTENDED LOCAL RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, THROUGH JULY 24, EMBASSY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN MINISTER'S DECISION, IF ANY, BEFORE JULY 25 AT EARLIEST. GIVEN SHORTAGE OF TIME, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT BIDS BE PROVIDED KUWAIT EMBASSY ACCORDING TO PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED BY AMBASSADOR JAFFAR. IF THERE IS ANY RESISTENCE ON PART OF MOD EMBASSY WILL MAKE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO OVERCOME IT.
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